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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hermann KUENZER et al.

Examiner: S. Qazi

Serial No.: 09/497,891

Group Art Unit: 1616

Filed: February 4, 2000

Title: 16-HYDROXYESTRATRIENES AS SELECTIVELY ACTIVE ESTROGENS

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 26, 2003, it is hereby requested that the above-identified application be reconsidered for allowance.

**REMARKS**

**The Restriction/Election Requirement**

The Office Action states that applicants must cancel the non-elected invention. However, applicants have already canceled the non-elected invention. The independent claim 53 recites (5<sup>th</sup> from last line) that the bonds with dotted lines in the B, C and D rings indicate single bonds. Thus, the non-elected compounds with double bonds in these rings are not included in the literal scope of the instant claims.